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1. REFTEL INDICATES SOME DOUBT ON PART OF IAEA MISSION CONCERNING STATE OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN MEXICAN MISSION AND SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, MEXICO CITY. IT IS TRUE THAT FONSEC'S COMMUNICATIONS WITH MEXICAN POSTS ABROAD ARE SOMETIMES SKIMPY. IN PRESENT CASE, HOWEVER, WE DOUBT THAT VIENNA MISSION IS GETTING OUT AHEAD OF FONSEC ON THIS ISSUE. MEXICO IS FIELDING MAVERICK CANDIDATES IN OTHER FORA, MOST NOTABLY WITH RESPECT TO CND CHAIRMANSHIP GENEVA. GOM HAS PERSISTENTLY PRESSED U.S., NOT ONLY TO SUPPORT -- OUT OF ORDER -- ELECTION OF MEXICAN CANDIDATE AS CND CHAIRMAN, BUT ALSO HAS STRONGLY URGED U.S. TO "PROMOTE" MEXICAN CANDIDACY AND, IN FACT, RUN INTERFERENCE.

2. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT GOM HAS NOT APPROACHED US FOR SUPPORT ON IAEA CANDIDACY. SHOULD WE RAISE ISSUE, EVEN
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THROUGH DISCREET INQUIRY, WITH FONSEC WE ARE LIKELY TO

FIND OUTSELVES IN THE MIDDLE, AS IN THE CASE OF CND CHAIR-
MANSHIP, IN A SITUATION WHERE WE WOULD HAVE LITTLE TO
GAIN AND SOMETHING TO LOSE. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY STRONGLY
RECOMMENDS AGAINST RAISING ISSUE WITH GOM HERE. PERHAPS
IAEA MISSION SHOULD CONSIDER ASKING ANOTHER MISSION FROM
FRIENDLY COUNTRY TO MAKE INQUIRY, RATHER THAN RISK USG
INVOLVEMENT AT THIS STATE.

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